Sl. No.	Subject	Status position
		CBI vide its letter dt. 23.4.1996 have also requisitioned all relevant documents/files for secret verification which were handed over to CBI by STC on 11th June, 1996 and 19th July, 1996 respectively. CBI vide its letter dt. 10.4.1997 have sought additional information/documents from STC, which are being supplied.
10.	Export of plastic garbage bags to M/s. International Leather Co., Dubai	STC has referred the matter to CBI on 8.11.1996 for looking into any criminal liability of the concerned officials of STC.
11.	Alleged FERA violations by STC and ZEE TV	STC has referred the matter to CBI on 5.12.1996 to pin-point the criminal liability or otherwise of the concerned STC officials.
12.	Import of sugar in 1994—extension of huge financial assistance to M/s. Kesar Enterprises, Bombay	CBI Bombay have registered preliminary Enquiry (PE) in the matter on 14.9.1995 and the outcome is awaited.
13.	Import of sugar by STC through M/s. Andre & CIE, Switzerland	Director, CBI has recommended registration of a regular case vide letter dt. 17.2.1997. Govt. have given concurrence to CBI for registration of a regular case against STC Officials including Director (F), STC. Director (F), STC has also been placed under suspension w.e.f. 1.4.1997. Two other accused persons are already under suspension w.e.f. 10.1.1996.
14.	Urea imports by STC	CBI have requisitioned all relevant files/ documents concerning urea imports by STC. CBI vide its letter dt. 9.4.1997 have informed STC that the information called for from the Corporation was merely to know the procedure by STC while importing urea. No case concerning STC's urea import is under investigation.

Sky TV giving publicity to DTH in spite of Government Notification

*534. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that inspite of the notification of Government against giving permission to the Direct to Home (DTH) technology in India, the Sky TV is proceeding with introduction of DTH technology in India with wide publicity through media; and

(b) if so, the steps being contemplated by Government to deal with this extraordinary situation and how cultural invasion by this technology can be prevented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has decided to introduce in Parliament a Bill on Broadcasting with a view to licence and regulate Direct to Home Service in India in addition to other broadcasting services. Meanwhile, the notification referred above is being enforced.

Number of tourists visited India during 1995-96

*535. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI RAMJI LAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tourists who visited India during the year 1995-96 together with the amount earned from them;

(b) whether the said number of tourists was lower than that of the previous year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what efforts are being made by Government to boost tourism industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) to (c) Total number of foreign tourists who visited India and the estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as given below:—

Year	Foreign Tourist arrivals	% change	Estimated foreign exchange earnings (Rs. crores)	% change
1994-95	1907320	—	7365.61	—
1995-96	2190334	14.8	9185.88	24.7

There was no decline in tourist traffic during 1995-96.

(d) Efforts being made to boost tourism industry in the country include improvement of infrastructural facilities for tourism, development of tourist attractions, strengthening of publicity and promotional efforts, human resource development and encouraging private investment.

Setting up of a separate Directorate of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in New Delhi

*536. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established a separate Directorate of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for its establishment; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) At present, no separate Directorate of ISM & Homoeopathy exists. However, the Government has set-up a separate Department of ISM & Homoeopathy under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for promotion and development of the Indian Systems of Medicine, namely, Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and drug less therapies of Yoga and Naturopathy as well as Homoeopathy.